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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF UNICEF TITLE II PROGRAM

REF: STATE 189109

1. I AM PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTED AT THE ABRUPT TERMINATION, NOT-WITHSTANDING EXISTING COMMITMENTS FOR FY 74, OF OUR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH FEEDING PROGRAM. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD REVIEW THIS ACTION AND SEEK MEANS OF CONTINUING LIMITED TITLE II PROGRAM FOR BURMA AT LEAST THROUGH FY 74, IN ORDER TO ALLOW SOME TIME, HOWEVER SHORT, FOR GUB TO SEEK OTHER SOURCES OF HELP.

2. THE CURRENT FOOD-SUPPLY SITUATION IS GRAVE. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT BURMA HAS BEEN AND STILL IS FACING MOST SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES SINCE WORLD WAR II, WITH SHARP INCREASE IN CASES OF SERIOUS MALNUTRITION. CONTINUATION OF LIMITED PROGRAM THROUGH FY 74, AND TERMINATION IN FY 75 (ASSUMING CURRENT TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION CONTINUES TO PREVAIL), WOULD AT LEAST RELIEVE US FROM REPUDIATING EXISTING COMMITMENTS, AND WOULD TIDE NEEDY RECIPIENTS OVER UNTIL DOMESTIC FOOD SITUATION IMPROVES.

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EM ALTHOUGH I FULLY RECOGNIZE CRITICAL NATURE OF FOOD SITUATION IN BANGLADESH AND SAHELIAN AFRICA, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT BURMA, WITH LOWEST PER-CAPITA INCOME IN ASIA, IN SAME CATEGORY AS SUCH FAR LESS NEEDY COUNTRIES AS ISRAEL, SINGAPORE, AND MALAYSIA.

4. ASIDE FROM HUMANITARIAN IMPLICATIONS OF ABRUPTLY CUTTING OFF FOOD AID IN COUNTRY AS POOR AS BURMA, THIS DECISION HAS WIDER-RANGING POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. I HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED MY CONCERN AT OUR INABILITY TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT MEETING MODERATE BURMESE REQUESTS FOR AID ON SEMI-CONCESSIONAL TERMS, AND OUR APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN BURMA'S NEEDS, IN CONTRAST TO OUR FREQUENT PRESSURE FOR BURMESE ACTION TO HELP US OUT ON PROBLEMS SUCH AS NARCOTICS. GRANTED THIS LATTER IS, AS GUB NOW RECOGNIZES, A PROBLEM OF MUTUAL INTEREST, IT IS BOTH UNTIMELY AND UNFORTUNATE THAT USG SHOULD FOLLOW RECENT STRIKING SUCCESSES OF BURMESE CONTROL EFFORTS BY CUTTING OFF ONE OF OUR ONLY REMAINING AID PROGRAMS IN BURMA.

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